

Anniston, Alabama

January 21, 2020

The City Council of the City of Anniston, Alabama, met in Regular Session in Room B of the Anniston City Meeting Center in the City of Anniston, Alabama, on Tuesday, January 21, 2020, at approximately 5:34 o'clock p.m.

Laura Hutchinson, Pastor of First Christian Church, prayed the Invocation.

Laura Hutchinson, Pastor of First Christian Church, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Draper called the meeting to order. On call of the roll, the following Council Members were found to be present: Council Members Jenkins, Reddick, Little, Harris, and Draper, absent: none. A quorum was present and the meeting opened for the transaction of business.

Steven Folks, City Manager, was present.

Bruce Downey, City Attorney, was present.

Council Member Jenkins made a motion to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the January 1, 2020 Regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Harris and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Member Jenkins, Reddick, Little, Harris, and Draper; nays: none. The motion carried and the January 1, 2020 minutes were approved.

Mayor Draper made a motion to adopt the agenda with the addition of a motion to confirm Julie Borelli, as Finance Director. The motion was seconded by Council Member Jenkins and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Member Jenkins, Reddick, Harris, and Draper; nays: Council Member Little. The motion carried and the agenda was adopted.

Frazier Burroughs, Parks and Recreation Director, recognized the Anniston Youth Football Junior Team (ages 9-10), for participating in the American Youth Football National Championship and placing third in that division. He stated that was their first loss in 3 years.

Mayor Draper read a Proclamation regarding National Mentoring Month.

Misty Garner, Big Brothers and Big Sisters, addressed the council and encouraged everyone to volunteer and become a mentor for a child.

Mayor Draper opened a public hearing to receive public comments regarding over-ruling objections to the abatement of identified nuisances. Group 2019-06 Grass/ Debris/Vehicles and read the following addresses for the record: 0 George St., 201 North, 220 East 3rd St., 501 Williamson Ave, 1325 West 12th St., 1823 Thomas Ave, and 2514 Walnut Ave.

Sam Pritchett, member of Fairview Heights Northside Baptist Church, addressed the council on the property: 0 George St.

Adrian Frederick, addressed the council on the property: 1823 Thomas Ave.

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Council Member Reddick made a motion to approve a bid for a 48-inch Reinforced Concrete Pipe to Foley Products Company in the amount of \$91,184.80 (\$85.70/ L.F.) The motion was seconded by Council Member Jenkins.

Council Member Reddick asked where is the funding coming from?

Council Member Little stated that he had asked about Smith Street. He stated that there is flooding behind there and the pipe stops up; and behind the house across the street, the city has a drain that floods the yard. He asked what has been done. He stated that storm water is going everywhere except Ward 3. He stated that he is looking for some projects that have taken place in Ward 3 that deal with storm water. He stated that he counts it not robbery to use some of those funds to clear up debris, or things that deal with storm water in Ward 3. He stated that he has asked what grants Louise Campbell has done for Ward 3, West Anniston or South Anniston.

Council Member Reddick asked where they are on the storm water drainage failure on West 14th and Crane?

Council Member Little stated that the North Side of 16th and Noble, where Church of Christ Church, the concrete slab needs to come up because there is problem with drainage and covering with asphalt is not a solution.

And on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Member Jenkins, Reddick, Little, Harris, and Draper; nays: none. The motion carried.

Council Member Reddick made a motion to approve a Special Events Retail License for Sacred Heart Catholic School PTO d/b/a Mardi Gras Ball on February 8, 2020 at the Longleaf Botanical Gardens, 920 Museum Drive located within the city limits. The motion was seconded by Council Member Harris and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Member Jenkins, Reddick, Harris, and Draper; nays: none; abstentions: Council Member Little. The motion carried.

Mayor Draper made a motion to confirm Julie Borelli as Finance Director. The motion was seconded by Council Member Harris.

Council Member Harris stated that time is of the essence because Cory Salley, Finance Director, has only nineteen days left and this individual needs training. She stated that this is a very complicated job and that is why time is critical. She stated that she hates to see Cory go, and that he has been outstanding.

Council Member Little stated that his vote no tonight is not against an individual but the process. He stated that this has just been thrust at them, they were just introduced to her tonight, and he has other concerns regarding the hiring process here at Anniston. He stated that he does not think it is appropriate and everything is a rush job. He stated that it was disrespectful to a council to do this like

this. He stated that it was very unprofessional and this process has him questioning what has been happening in this city with the hiring process.

Council Member Reddick stated that he presupposes that they would hire her as the assistant finance director becoming effective the day Cory leaves.

Council Member Little stated that there is always a method to the madness. He stated that they would save money for the first three months and it jumps up and increases the salary. He stated that these people are crooked to the core and there should be a procedure and a process.

Council Member Reddick stated that his concern is this they should hire her as assistant finance director and have her become the finance director on that day.

And on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Member Jenkins, Harris, and Draper; nays: Council Member Little; abstentions: Council Member Reddick. The motion carried.

Mayor Draper the following addresses into the record: 0 George St., 201 North, 220 East 3rd St., 501 Williamson Ave, 1325 West 12th St., 1823 Thomas Ave, and 2514 Walnut Ave.

Council Member Jenkins made a motion for passage and adoption of Resolution 20-R-4, A Resolution over-ruling objections to the abatement of identified nuisances Group 2019-06 Grass/Debris/Vehicles. The motion was seconded by Council Member Harris.

Council Member Jenkins made a motion to amend Resolution 20-R-4 by removing 1823 Thomas Ave from the list. The motion was seconded by Mayor Draper.

Council Member Little stated that this was one of the sticking points in the case that he was tried in Birmingham, Alabama. He stated that they do not usually do this, they just automatically vote and those things are taken care of. He stated that Mayor Draper has goofed up and it's too late to correct it now and they did not do this in the other meeting. He stated that they are going to have to pay for that.

Mayor Draper stated that is not true; and there is no way to have a policy in effect with a legislative body where something is automatically removed from the list.

And on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Member Jenkins, Harris, and Draper; nays: Council Member Little; abstentions: Council Member Reddick. The amendment to Resolution 20-R-4 was approved.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 20-R-4

A RESOLUTION OVER-RULING OBJECTIONS TO THE ABATEMENT OF IDENTIFIED NUISANCES

WHEREAS, Act 1995-375, Section 2, Amended by Act 2004-256 and codified as Sections 45-8- 172, et seq. of the Code of Alabama, 1975, defines public nuisances and authorizes the City to order or otherwise accomplish the removal of such nuisances; and

WHEREAS, the City of Anniston has identified herein a specific list of such nuisances and the appropriate remedies to abate each nuisance; and

WHEREAS, the City of Anniston has notified the property owners or other parties that may be held responsible and has held a public hearing to consider objections to the proposed remedy as required by law.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Anniston, Alabama that all objections and protests to the nuisance remedies identified in Exhibit "A" attached is hereby over-ruled and the recommended remedies are ordered to be applied to abate the nuisances according to the procedures and processes in Section 34.3 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Anniston, Alabama.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this the day of January 21, 2020.

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ANNISTON, ALABAMA

BY: Jack Draper, Mayor

BY: Jay W. Jenkins, Council Member

BY: Millie Harris, Council Member

And on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Member Jenkins, Harris, and Draper; nays: Council Member Little; abstentions: Council Member Reddick. The motion carried and Resolution 20-R-4 was passed and adopted.

Council Member Reddick made a motion to read Ordinance 20-O-1, An Ordinance Amending Section 3.85(a) Governing Hours of Sale of Alcoholic Beverages (1st Reading) by title only. The motion was seconded by Council Member Harris.

Mayor Draper opened a public hearing to receive public comments on reading Ordinance 20-O-1 by title only. No one spoke. Mayor Draper closed the public hearing to receive public comment on reading Ordinance 20-O-1 by title only.

And on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Member Jenkins, Reddick, Little, Harris, and Draper; nays: none. The motion carried and Ordinance 20-O-1 will be read by title only.

Bruce Downey, City Attorney, read and introduced Ordinance 20-O-1, An Ordinance Amending Section 3.85(a) Governing Hours of Sale of Alcoholic Beverages (1st Reading) by title only.

Council Member Jenkins made a motion for unanimous consent for immediate consideration. The motion was seconded by Council Member Harris and on call of the roll the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Member Jenkins, Reddick, Harris, and Draper; nays: Council Member Little. The motion for unanimous consent for immediate consideration failed.

Erica Tolson, 1834 North Road Apt A, addressed the council that it is like driving through a dumpster over by the projects and it floods over there. She stated that the trash is blocking the water from where it needs to go. She stated that roadways by Barber Terrace needs to be fixed, and that there is potholes everywhere.

Glen Ray, 3514 Dale Hollow Road, addressed the council that for four years he has come and asked the council to look into a situation with his son; and for four years Officer Murphy claimed that he found all these drugs and now no one wants to show up at court and they have come to a default. He stated that

Shelia Fields tried the case but not one charge has been filed, no witnesses, and no drugs ever found. He stated that it gets tiresome and they are running a con game.

Jim Montgomery, 1700 Greenbrier Road, addressed the council that he came to meet with Frazier Burroughs, Parks and Recreation Director, and he asked one question and Mr. Burroughs said he didn't like his tone. He stated that the council should investigate how he was hired.

Jim Bullock, 202 6th Wilmer Ave, addressed the council if they had considered having permits for Uber and Lyft drivers.

Dr. Angela Fears, addressed the council that she has a concern. She stated that the community is hurting because they have unfair practices, unfair manipulation, unethical practices, and unfair greed. She stated that the children are not being educated and the elderly are being neglected. She stated that the power is with the people.

Richard Jackson, 2317 Noble Street, addressed the council that the key word is ownership and they need to take ownership of the entire city. He stated that there is a need in this city but it is not just Anniston.

Karen Freeman addressed the council that her prayer for the city is that one day the council will work together. She stated that she never received a call from Mr. Folks in regards to the job announcement for PIO and he said he would call.

Terrance Curry, 3221 Annetta Ave, addressed the council that he is experiencing hate crimes in his neighborhood. He stated that the locks are being drilled out and the equipment he is purchasing is being stolen. He stated that he is asking for help and he is getting tired.

Elijah Reddick, 1309 Crane Ave, addressed the council on what has been decided on with the dog registration.

Ben Little, 1003 South Leighton Ave, addressed the council and stated that there will be some things coming out. He stated that this city is corrupt to the core and it is shame that a citizen has to do the filing, and that the District Attorney should take action against corruption. He stated that Council Member Harris has gotten some money, Mayor Draper's father-in law has gotten some money, and Council Member Jenkins has done work for the city.

Council Member Jenkins thanked Julie for her willingness to work with the City, and Mr. Folks for all that he does.

Council Member Reddick asked when they anticipate cleaning up Parkwin, and that whenever it rains all that trash gets sent downstream to Parkwin and West 21st. He stated that his concern is there was a meeting with Doug Jones' office, and anyone that had anything to do with the homeless situation in Anniston. He stated that after that initial meeting he was left out and an all-white group held a special meeting so they could keep all the money. He stated that a company got with then city manager to turn the building into a bastardized version of his vision. He stated that he was left out because he wanted everyone to be involved.

Council Member Little stated that the department heads make a lot of money in Anniston and it's pathetic. He stated that they do not give young people an opportunity to apply for jobs. He stated that when a city itself will not advertise a position for everyone, it is just wrong. He stated that there is a

meeting in Montgomery, February 14, 2020 and they are going to try and take a load of people down there to discuss sentencing guidelines. He stated that Mayor Draper has consistently voted against prosperity in West Anniston and South Anniston. He stated that no one from Ward 3 is on the hospital board and it is only Ward 1 and 4.

Council Member Harris thanked everyone for coming and attending the Martin Luther King Jr. ceremony on Monday. She stated that it was a great tribute and made her extremely proud of the city.

Mayor Draper echoed Council Member Jenkins in welcoming Julie Borelli as Finance Director and that they will miss Cory but they wish him well going forward.

Council Member Little, Reddick, and Mr. Folks left the council chambers at 6:34 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the council at that time Mayor Draper made a motion the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Council Member Harris; and on call of the roll, the following vote was recorded: ayes: Council Members Jenkins, Harris and Draper nays: none; absent: Council Member Reddick and Little. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:49 o'clock p.m.